

MUCH PAVING AND ROAD WORK

MICHIGAN LED IN MAY IN THE
AMOUNT OF ROAD BOND
ISSUES VOTED.

New York, June 29.—Official figures on bond issues proposed, voted and sold for roads and streets for May, 1922, show that with the summer construction season now in full swing, the states, counties, parishes, townships, road districts, cities and towns of the country are preparing a big late-summer and fall program of construction. The reports show that bond issues proposed for future road and street construction increased \$18,824,750 in May over those reported in April. Among the localities reported interested in highway development during May was the city of Alma with a special assessment bond issue of \$29,500 for street paving reported as voted.

In May a total of \$30,673,000 was reported in bond issues proposed for road improvement. The total for April was \$13,751,000. Bond issues voted for roads in May amounted to \$35,224,400, while those voted in April were \$50,815,518, a decrease for May of \$15,591,058. The total value of road bonds reported sold for May amounted to \$32,135,936, a decrease of \$1,236,224 over the sales in April. This is due to the fact that a majority of the bond elections are held in the early spring or the late fall.

That street construction fared relatively better than road building in May, is indicated by the fact that proposed bond issues reported for that purpose amounted to \$8,720,300 in May, an increase of \$1,902,750 over the \$6,817,550 reported the month before, and bonds voted amounted to \$10,119,582, an increase over the \$8,056,132 reported in April, of \$2,063,450. Bonds actually sold for street construction, however, decreased from the \$8,581,351 reported in April, to \$6,862,847 in May, a drop of \$1,718,504.

Of road bond issues voted during May Michigan led with \$9,380,850, while Alabama, with \$3,150,000, and Colorado, with \$3,140,000, ranked second and third. Ohio voted more bond issues for streets than any other state, and led with \$1,433,297. Michigan followed with \$1,175,000. North Carolina, with \$1,143,000 ranked third.

North Carolina, with \$8,400,000, reported more road bonds sold than any other state. Texas was next in line with \$6,201,500 and Ohio was third with \$1,494,450.

Ohio, with \$1,636,891, also led in street bonds reported sold, followed by North Carolina with \$937,000 and Virginia with \$829,000.

The reports indicate that the costs involved in road and street construction are entering more fully into public discussions when it comes to voting money for highway improvement. The United States Bureau of Public Roads has just completed statistics on road building costs that are not only valuable but pertinent to public discussion of any good roads project. This Federal bureau spends more money for highways than any other one body in the world. Last year it expended \$105,000,000 of Federal appropriations for new highway construction, a sum in excess of the total amount expended for all purposes by the departments of Commerce, Interior and Agriculture combined. In conjunction with this sum an amount more than equal to the Federal aid was provided by the States. All of this expenditure went into something that constitutes a tangible asset for the free use of all the people, aid to toll roads having been expressly prohibited by law.

The charts prepared by the bureau compare the costs involved in the construction of bituminous macadam, concrete, gravel and graded and drained highways and show that, for the whole of the United States during the entire period 1917-1922, covered by Federal aid, the average cost of concrete roads has increased about 45 per cent; that of bituminous macadam about 22 per cent, and that of gravel roads about 12 per cent.

The average cost per mile for each of the three types is given as follows: Gravel \$9,230; Bituminous Macadam \$25,720; Concrete, \$36,900. Concrete roads, according to the charts, have advanced in cost from \$26,000 a mile in 1917 to \$39,000 a mile in 1922. Bituminous macadam roads, which are principally asphalt, cost \$22,500 a mile in 1917, and \$27,500 a mile this year.

ITHACA

The funeral of Edward Husted, an ex-service man, was held at the residence Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Wm. Roberts, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated and burial was made in the Ithaca cemetery. Surviving are the wife and little son one year of age.

Mrs. Will Iseman of Detroit spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. James King.

Mrs. B. M. Earl, who has been visiting Mrs. L. L. Kinney and other friends left Wednesday to visit in St. Louis, Saginaw and Tawas before returning to her home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seaman came Thursday from their home in Lakeland, Florida, and will spend a short time with Ithaca friends before going to Grand Rapids to visit relatives.

VESTABURG

Mrs. Romaine Clark spent a few days the past week in Grand Rapids. Mrs. J. P. Gibbs spent the past week in Saginaw.

Weston McCall has returned to Ann Arbor where he will take some special work in addition to his regular course.

Miss Doris Rich, who attended Ithaca schools the past year, has entered Brainerd's hospital to begin her training as a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Vail of Chicago spent from Thursday until Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Russell and daughter of Saginaw were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Pendall.

Mrs. Rex Hoffman and children of Alma came Monday to spend a few days with Ithaca relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Dewey and son, George, spent the past week at Crystal.

Miss Gertrude Sutton has returned to her home here after spending the past school year in Big Rapids at the Ferris Institute.

Will Tuttle of Lansing spent the week end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bedie Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fairbanks of Fenton spent the Fourth with his mother, Mrs. Fairbanks.

Mrs. Charles Webster of Snohomish, Washington, visited with Ithaca friends the past week.

Miss Jessie Hammond of East Jordan was a week end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hamilton and daughter, Charlotte, spent Tuesday in Ionia where they met their son, Charles and family of Tampico, Mexico.

Rev. L. L. Dewey left Monday for Albion where he will teach in a school of Theology.

Mrs. Hamilton Bovee returned to her home recently after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis at Maple Rapids.

Guests at a house party given recently by Miss Charlotte Hamilton were Miss Carolyn Hughes of St. Louis, Lawrence A. Masseling of Big Rapids and Ensign Preston Lambing of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Bernice Brooks of Holland is spending the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Linnie Brooke.

General Nathan Church has returned to Ithaca after spending the past several months in New York city and Buffalo, N. Y., Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., also several cities in New Jersey.

"Blue Laws" are so stringent in Des Moines, Iowa, that proprietors of cigar stores who keep their shops open on Sundays will be subject to arrest. This move against the cigar store men is believed to have been brought about by shoe-shining merchants who were forced to close their stands on Sunday.

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Standard Oil Company
(Indiana)
910 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago

2784

New fixtures have arrived for the Vestaburg postoffice and will soon be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hartman and daughter of Ypsilanti spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Jane Hartman and other relatives.

Audrid and Harold Tupper, Donald Custer and Homer Stites, who are working at Lansing were home for the Fourth.

Roy McGilivray autored to Detroit Sunday to visit at the home of his sister and was accompanied by Frank Cummings who went from there to Toledo, Ohio, to visit his son, Frank Murphy, and wife who are spending the summer with her parents.

Campers are flocking to Bass and Rock Lakes and many picnic parties are being held.

"I Wouldn't Go Camping Without Rat-Snap," Says Ray White.

"Wife and I spent our vacation camping last summer, smell of cooking brought rats. We went to town, got some RAT-SNAP, broke up the cakes, put it outside our tent. We got the rats alright—big fellows." Farmers, storekeepers, housewives, should use RAT-SNAP.

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TOWN LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Church and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, spent Saturday fishing near Harrison.

George and Harold Shoemaker of Arcadia, called on Paul and George Whitcraft Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Eliza Hoyt is visiting her cousin, Miss Ethyl Obyrant near Forest Hill.

Mrs. Leslie Hoyt and family entertained her sister, Mrs. Angeline Obyrant and family of Forest Hill, Sunday.

Matt Johnson is the owner of a Ford Lizzie.

Fifteen states in the union offer aid to former service men in the form of vocational education, and in California a bill has been adopted providing for vocational education of Veterans' dependents.

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FIRST STATE BANK

Alma, Michigan

July 1st,
1920

June 30,
1922

Comparative Statement

\$1,388,780.73

\$1,049,975.74

(None)

This Bank Owed to Other Banks

64,469.54

\$1,388,780.73

(Liabilities)

\$1,114,445.28

For this purpose we had:

209,026.01

(1) Cash

88,485.25

Gold, bank notes, and specie on hand with legal depositaries returnable on demand.

18,050.00

(2) Checks on Other Banks

9,318.88

Items in transit and checks payable on presentation.

139,050.00

(3) United States Government Bonds

106,250.00

First, second, third and fourth liberty loan bonds and victory notes listed at par or face value.

100,600.00

(4) Bonds for Safekeeping

89,650.00

Our customers' bonds to be returned to them on demand

694,026.62

(5) Loans to Individuals and Corporations

621,129.35

Amount loaned after thorough investigation to individuals and corporations on their notes and against approved collateral.

411,750.60

(6) Mortgages on Real Estate

388,895.34

First mortgages on local real estate worth at least twice the amount of the mortgage.

32,000.00

(7) Banking House and Equipment

32,000.00

Real estate, bank building, vaults, and equipment used by the bank in conducting its business, assessed at an amount in excess of this book value.

\$1,604,503.23

Total to Meet Indebtedness (Assets)

\$1,335,728.82

215,722.50

(8) This leaves a Surplus of

221,283.54

Including capital \$100,000.00, Surplus \$100,000.00, Profits and Reserves \$21,283.54, which becomes the property of the stockholders after the debts to the depositors are paid, and is a guaranty fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been carried with us for many years.

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